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For: Hydroentanglement Of  
Continuous Polymer  
Filaments

AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 27, 2001, please amend the  
above-identified application for patent as follow.

In The Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Once Amended) A nonwoven fabric formed on a three-dimensional  
image transfer device, said fabric [comprising] consisting essentially of a continuous  
web of substantially endless thermoplastic melt extruded filaments having a denier of  
about 0.5 to 3, wherein said filaments are hydroentangled in the form of interengaged  
packed loops, with the substantially endless filaments being substantially free of  
breaking, wrapping and knotting.

11. (Once Amended) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said  
continuous web of substantially endless thermoplastic filaments comprises a plurality of  
layers of said [continuous] filaments.

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